

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LARRY ZHAO
JEREMY MARTIN
HARTMUT RUELKE

Serial No.: 10/717,122

Filed: November 19, 2003

For: DIELECTRIC BARRIER LAYER FOR A
COPPER METALLIZATION LAYER
HAVING A VARYING SILICON
CONCENTRATION ALONG ITS
THICKNESS

Confirmation No.: 7303

Examiner: Alexander G. Ghysa

Group Art Unit: 2812

Att'y Docket: 2000.106900/DE0130

Customer No.: 23720

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Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

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| Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 |
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a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed
on _____.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously
filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other:

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
(IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other _____

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) **required**)

b. ☐ Other _____

3.

Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0786/DE0130:

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other: _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: May 8, 2006

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